Capitol Hill Enveloped In Gloom Over NATO

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New words of gloom about the problems of NATO were heard yesterday on both sides of the Capitol.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) told newsmen he felt that the Western European allies must accept a great part of the defense burden and "the expense of the burden." He suggested that the United States could reduce its troop commitments to NATO from five divisions to one or two. He was commenting on a similar statement a day earlier by Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.).

Former Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, now the American trade negotiator with the Common Market, said European nationalism is leading the Atlantic Community "into hopeless disunity."

Thomas K. Finletter, former American Ambassador to NATO, said French President de Gaulle is leading an "open attack to destroy" that organization.

No Alternative Seen

Herter testified before Sen. Henry M. Jackson's subcommittee on national security while Finletter met with a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee. A former NATO commander, Gen. Lauris Norstad, testifies today before the Jackson group.

Both witnesses yesterday said the United States had no alternative but to pull its forces out of France in the face of what Herter called de Gaulle's "eviction notice." Both favored leaving an "empty chair" for France but they said they saw no chance of de Gaulle changing his mind.

Herter said tariff negotiations in the so-called Kennedy Round are not going well, in fact, he said, "we haven't really negotiated in 3½ years," due to the French stand. Herter added that he was "very depressed" about the undermining of long-time efforts to create "an effective Atlantic Community."

Herter declared that only the United States can provide the needed leadership in the political field on which both economic and military relationships are based.

New Drive Urged

Finletter called for "much more daring and imaginative" American proposals, declaring that "there is no drive for peace" today comparable to that of the early post-war period of American policy. Finletter said he favored a "hardware" solution to the problem of how to give the Germans a role in nuclear defense.

That problem will be discussed here on May 13 and 14 when West German Defense Minister Kai-Uwe von Hassel meets Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara for semi-annual German-American consultations.

Von Hassel was due to fly today to Arizona where the Air Force trains West German pilots to fly F-104 Starfighter jets, 52 of which have been lost in German accidents. After visiting the Lockheed plant in California and some other defense installations, von Hassel will come to Washington where an Administration committee is reviewing the nuclear sharing issue and related NATO problems.

Red Warship to Visit NATO Port in France

MOSCOW, May 5 (UPI)—A Soviet warship will pay a precedent-setting visit to a NATO port in France, it was annouced today.

Soviet officials in Odessa greeted the arrival of the French destroyer Tartu with the news that a Soviet destroyer from the Black Sea fleet will call May 29 at Villefranche.

Observers said the choice of Villefranche appeared to be a dash of salt in wounds of the United States, which has been told to pull it troops out of France.

Villefranche is a frequent port of call for NATO ships, a leading leave port for American Sixth Fleet sailors, and the home of many U.S. officers sailing with the Sixth Fleet.

Tashkent Is Hit By Fierce Winds

MOSCOW, May 5 (AP) Fierce winds up to 65 miles an hour struck earthquake-damaged Tashkent today, uprooting trees, Tass news agency reported. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

A severe earthquake struck Tashkent April 26, leaving some 20,000 persons homeless and injuring at least 300. Four deaths were reported.